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RESIGNATION OF GEORGIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY AS TRUSTEE FOR TELFAIR ACADEMY OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED MAY 3, 1920.

WHEREAS Georgia Historical Society is of opinion that it was the intention of Mary Telfair, the generous and public-spirited founder of Telfair Academy of Arts and Sciences, that this local Savannah institution should be controlled and managed by residents of Savannah; and

WHEREAS it is further of opinion that in selecting Georgia Historical Society as Trustee of said Academy Miss Telfair regarded the Society, under the then existing limitations upon its activities due to Civil War conditons, as a local institution; and

WHEREAS the proposed plan of merger of Georgia Historical Association into Georgia Historical Society will, when completed, conspicuously emphasize Georgia Historical Society as a state-wide institution; and

WHEREAS in the opinion of Georgia Historical Society the original intention of Miss Telfair should be carried out and Telfair Academy of Arts and Sciences should be controlled and managed by residents of Savannah;

THEREFORE BE IS RESOLVED:

1. That with all practicable dispatch after the above described proposed merger shall become effective, the proper officers of Georgia Historical Society are directed to present to the court having jurisdiction the resignation of Georgia Historical Society as Trustee of Telfair Academy of Arts and Sciences under the will of Mary Telfair, and the request of the Society that it may be relieved of its trust; and are further authorized to take all steps and do and perform all acts and things which may be necessary or expedient to effect the said resignation, the acceptance thereof, the appointment of a suc-

cessor, and all transfers, assignments, conveyances and other instruments in connection therewith.

2. That the Society respectfully suggest to the court that the intentions of Miss Telfair will be more nearly approximated if the court shall appoint as successor a charitable corporation to be chartered by the Superior Court of Chatham County, Georgia, composed at the beginning of such residents of Savannah as may be interested in the Telfair Academy of Arts and Sciences and shall at that time be also members of Georgia Historical Society, and that those persons shall be the charter members and organizers of such corporation.

3. That the Society is of opinion that, if the court shall adopt this suggestion, all residents of Savannah who shall then be members of Georgia Historical Society should be afforded reasonable opportunity to become members of the new corporation with equal voice in its control and management on such terms as the new corporation, so far as its charter shall permit, may prescribe.

4. Georgia Historical Society here records its sincere regret that the taking of a step which in its opinion is essential to its primary function as a state-wide historical society, should necessitate its retirement from this trust which for thirty-seven years it has administered to the best of its ability. Its request to be relieved of the trust is due solely to a high sense of public duty.

FINAL REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON UNION WITH GEORGIA HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION, AND REPORT OF THE BOARD OF CURATORS.

August 2nd, 1920.

To Georgia Historical Society:

The Committee on Union and Consolidation and the Board of Curators, who met in joint session on July 28th and acted as hereinafter stated, submit this joint report.

At your quarterly meeting on May 3, 1920, you approved the plan of consolidation and authorized the Committee to carry